

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 495

By Crider

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Courtney Brooke Pannell, 2007 Valedictorian of Milan High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Courtney Brooke Pannell is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2007 graduating class at Milan High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Ms. Pannell has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Courtney Pannell has earned an exemplary grade point average, while participating in numerous extracurricular activities, including service as Senior Class President, a HOBY ambassador, U.S. Senate Youth Program finalist, and Tennessee Letters about Literature state winner; and

WHEREAS a member of the Milan High School Hall of Fame, she has also served as Editor of the Yearbook, President of the Dawgs of Determination, as well as the Drama Club and the Beta Club, a member of the French Club, the Math Club, the Student Council, the Crown Club, FCA, and FCCLA, and a contributing author for *On the Ball* magazine; and

WHEREAS, lending her time and talents to her community, Ms. Pannell has coached an Upward cheerleading squad, volunteered at both the YMCA Summer Lunch Program and the Teen Center, and has aided in fundraisers for the American Cancer Society, St. Jude, and the Carl Perkins Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse, to name a few; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to accolades, Courtney is the recipient of various academic honors, including National Merit Commended Scholar, listing in *Who's Who Among American*

High School Students, National Honor Roll, National Society of High School Scholars, Outstanding Students of America, and Tennessee Honors Program; and

WHEREAS, in the summer of 2006, this dedicated student was elected Girls State Governor, worked as a page for U.S. Senator Bill Frist, and participated in the Lott Leadership Institute at Ole Miss; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Pannell's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success at Yale University, where she plans to major in Political Science; and

WHEREAS, Courtney's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her family, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Pannell's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor the 2007 Milan High School Valedictorian, Courtney Brooke Pannell, on her impressive academic achievement and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.